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CARTRIDGE, IMAGE FORMATION	:	
SYSTEM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM	)	
FOR CARTRIDGE	:	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. The non-English language documents are discussed at pages 3 and 4 of the application and the Examiner is referred thereto and to the attached English Abstracts for a concise explanation of the relevance thereof.

In addition, U.S. Patent No. 5,626,997 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 7-244419.

### FORMAL MATTERS

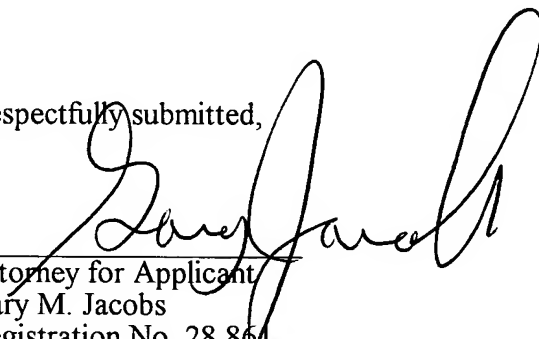
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### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,626,997	5/6/1997	Mashimo, et al.	430	55	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		7-244419	9/19/1995	Japan			Abst.
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		2001-117468	4/27/2001	Japan			Abst.

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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